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TOPIC Polish and Soviet Troops in Minsk Mazowiecki

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. In late July and or early August 1951, Polish soldiers with red service color were observed in the barracks installation on the eastern perimeter of Minsk Mazowiecki, on the north side of the road to Kaluszyn (R 53/L 58). The installation, which prior to World War II had quartered a Polish cavalry regiment, appeared to be only lightly occupied. [REDACTED], the troops stationed there went to a summer camp in the spring of 1951. No tanks or artillery pieces were observed with these troops.

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2. Soviet soldiers were quartered in the former officers and NCOs' buildings on the south side of the road to Kaluszyn, opposite the barracks installation mentioned in paragraph 1. Truck [REDACTED] there. The soldiers wore black epaulets with crossed-tool insignia. According to local residents, the number of soldiers in the quarters during July and August 1951 was substantially smaller than the number present in the spring of 1951. The personnel quartered there in the summer of 1951 were allegedly connected with a Soviet airfield under construction northwest of Mienia (R 53/L 48). *

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- * Comment. This is the first report on Soviet troops in Minsk Mazowiecki. Since the black service color is indicative of signal troops, the soldiers probably belong to a signal detachment responsible for maintenance of the Soviet telephone trunk line from Berlin to Moscow. Similar detachments are stationed at various places along the main through highway from Poznan to Warsaw. It is doubted that the soldiers are officially affiliated with the Soviet personnel at the airfield near Mienia.

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